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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Director, Office of Imagery Collection and Exploitation  
Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: DCI Release Authority for Intelligence Imagery Product  
Release/Disclosure to Foreign Officials [REDACTED]

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1. On 27 October C/CRES/DDI, and Chairman, COMIREX met with the DDCI to discuss his concern with the "lack of congruity between practice and policy for foreign release and disclosure of imagery and imagery products." The rules/policy as laid out in the Imagery Policy Manual (June 82) were reviewed and explained and the levels of activity since DCI approval of present compartmentation rules (Oct 81) were reviewed. In particular, considerable discussion dealt with the intention in the Manual to control, rather than prohibit, release/disclosure of imagery product. In the discussion, further evidence arose that the COMIREX distinction between "imagery" (primary imaging record) and "imagery product" needs continuous publicity. [REDACTED]

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2. The result of the meeting was DDCI direction to continue with present rules, cancellation of his request for a COMIREX paper on the subject, and direction that C/CRES proceed rapidly with the study on overall release/disclosure of "finished intelligence" to foreign officials. [REDACTED]

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